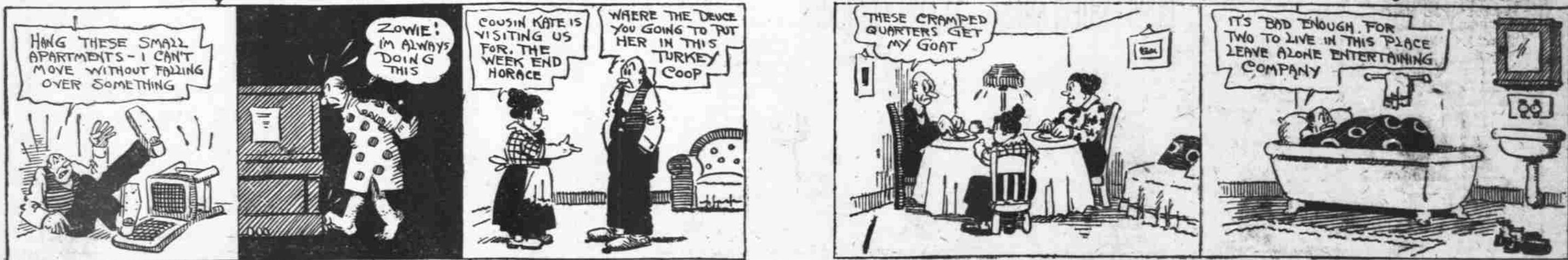


Secretary Baker Sends Message To Collegiate Moguls' Meeting

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Joe Lannin May Become Head Of Ed Barrow's Organization

How Do They Do It?



GOVERNMENTAL SANCTION OF ATHLETICS EXPECTED

Governmental sanction is expected to be given to collegiate athletics at tomorrow's meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in New York following the conference today between Secretary of War Baker and Col. Palmer E. Pierce, president of the association.

Colonel Pierce, who is the official governmental sanction for the continuance of all forms of athletics, and the broadening of the scope of intercollegiate athletics for the bulk of the students, is the opinion expressed here.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association president and Secretary Baker were in conference today before Colonel Pierce left for New York. It was said that President Wilson and Secretary Daniels added a word to the message to be sent by Secretary Baker so that college men in the United States would know where they stand in regard to athletics.

Man's Power is Lacking.

There is no question but that the colleges are hard put to it for man power at present. The aims of those in the front rank of college work are for the best physical development and the extension of the team development to the mass of students.

Military drill and training has been put into effect in many of the colleges this season. The officers' reserve camps have recruited many college men, and numbers are leaving for the camp, which opens up in January. Hundreds are enlisting in the military, and there has been a steady stream of men leaving college since October.

Would Develop Many.

The chief criticism of Secretary Baker at last summer's session here was that college athletics developed a few to the exclusion of the many. The more intensive work done for the teams might better be spread through the entire student body was the plea of the Secretary, who was keenly alive to the splendid work done by the college men in the war.

DETROIT REPLACES GRIFFS IN GAMES TO SEE FLAG WON OR FIGHT WINNER

DETROIT, Dec. 27.—The Tigers, instead of meeting the New York Giants in a spring series, will play ten or twelve games with the Cincinnati Reds next spring, according to President Navin. The Detroit club replaces Washington, which last year met the Red Sox. Just what club Washington will play is unknown here.

No definite dates have yet been arranged. Frank Banerett, the veteran business manager of the Cincinnati club, will attend to that, and whatever he does will satisfy Navin.

At least two games will be played at Camp MacArthur, Wash. D. C., for the soldiers training there. The Tigers will assemble at Wapakoneta, Ohio, March 20, and train for three weeks before heading Northward.

TORONTO STILL INSISTS ON GETTING LOCAL CLUB

Despite hasty and indignant denials from Clark Griffith, Toronto still insists that, in the event that the International League decides against opening next season, the Griffins will play sixteen games, four each against the Western American League, in the Canadian metropolis.

In today's New York Sun the entire story, which has been running around for close to two weeks now, is given in considerable detail.

"I am negotiating now with Clark Griffith for this series," President Solomon is reported to say.

"Nothing to it," says Clark Griffith. Take your choice.

TOLEDO GETS M. AND M. WHEN DETROIT QUILTS

The Detroit Driving Club has been disbanded, and the Merchants and Manufacturers' garage of 18th, which made its Grand Circuit meetings famous whenever the trotting horse is known, is to survive. W. H. Gocher, secretary of the National Trotting Association, announces that the thirtieth annual race will take place at Toledo, over the new track now being built there.

The first race was trotted over the old 1/4-mile track at Detroit in 1892 and won by the gray trotter Hendrix in 2:18. Busy Lassie won the last race in 2:07. The fastest performance ever made in the Detroit classic is credited to the champion stallion Lew Axworthy. In 1915 he trotted three heats in 2:04, 2:05, and 2:06.



TAD RECITES TALE OF THE ANNUCER AND THE BATTLER

By TAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—There's a tough mug prize fighter in Jack Norworth's show, "Odds and Ends," who is a riot. He is Harry Watson, the comedian, and he's a pip. Well, he comes out to challenge any one in the world, and Jimmy Landdoes is the announcer.

Jimmy says "Battling Dugan will meet any one in the audience. In 1905 he knocked out Battling Nelson."

The mug interrupts and whippers, "Tell 'em what I done to Phil Jack O'Brien."

The announcer pays no attention to him but continues, "In 1906 he knocked out Jack Johnson."

The mug butts in again, saying, "Tell 'em what I done to Phil Jack O'Brien."

No attention is paid to him and the announcer goes on. "In 1907 he knocked out Jim Jeffries."

The mug interrupts again, "Tell 'em what I done to Phil Jack O'Brien."

All during his introduction he goes on this way, much after the fighter in real life.

We might turn that around and have Jess Willard the mug, being introduced thusly:

Announcer—Gentlemen, this is Jess Willard. In 1905 he knocked out Jim Jeffries.

The mug interrupts and whippers, "Tell 'em what I done to Phil Jack O'Brien."

Willard (butting in)—Tell 'em what I done to Jack Johnson.

Announcer—In 1909 Motorman Miller made him turn tail at 'Frisco.

Willard—Tell 'em what I done to Jack Johnson.

Announcer—Now Mr. Willard refuses to meet Fred Fulton in a bout for the title.

Willard—Tell 'em what I done to Jack Johnson.

GEORGIA TECH PLANNING EXTENSIVE GRID SEASON

ATLANTA, Dec. 27.—Confident of again having a strong football eleven Georgia Tech's authorities are planning a most extensive schedule for next season. The tentative dates follow:

September 28, Lake Forest, at Atlanta; October 3, Clemson, at Atlanta; October 12, Davidson, at Atlanta; October 19, open; October 26, Tulane, at Atlanta; November 2, Virginia P. I., at Atlanta; November 9, North Carolina A. and E., at Atlanta; November 16, Penn., at Philadelphia; November 23, Indiana, at Indianapolis; November 30, Auburn, at Atlanta.

Either Vanderbilt or North Carolina will fill the open date of October 10. The Indiana game has not been definitely settled, but is expected to be within a few weeks.

FULTON'S MANAGER SAYS HIS MAN DID NOT FOUL

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 27.—A statement denying that Fred Fulton, claimant of the heavyweight title, struck a foul blow in his Christmas Day bout here with Harry "Texas" Tate, was issued today by Mike Collins, Fulton's manager. The statement protested against the conduct of Referee Billy Hassel, contending that the referee should have counted Tate out on two occasions in the first and only round of the fight.

The manager said Fulton was ready to meet Tate again at any time, and that he would in a few days offer Jess Willard a side bet of \$10,000 that the champion cannot stay with Fulton through a twenty-round decision bout.



JOE LANNIN MAY BECOME INTERNATIONAL'S BOSS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Joseph Lannin, former owner of the Boston Americans and majority stockholder in the Providence Club, is likely to be named president of the International League to succeed Edward Grant Barrow, resigned. This became known here today when, from one of the league's clubhouses, it was learned that the league will positively open the 1918 season. The plans for a schedule, readjustment of the circuit and other details will be completed at a meeting of the league in this city February 12.

The International will not cut down to a six-club circuit. They will go along on the old scale even should it become necessary to take in another city.

Sammy Lichtenheim, owner of the Montreal Club, has been wavering and may quit, but even this is doubtful. Sammy, should the league decide to continue, would hardly run the risk of losing his territorial rights.

Lannin, the man who is mentioned as the next president of the league, was one of those in favor of throwing up the sponge. It is said, however, that he has been won around, and as the chief executive will stick up for the desires of his clubowners, Pat Powers, who was also mentioned for the presidency, is said to have refused the position. Pat was thrown out for Barrow when in his prime and doesn't like the idea of playing second fiddle now. Besides, the salary is said to be unsatisfactory to him.

SHORT SPORT TALKS

By Louis A. Dougher

Here are some pearls of wisdom gleaned from The Log, the official publication of the United States Naval Academy. It ought to perk you up. If it doesn't send a thrill up your spine, there's something radically wrong with you. Here it is:

PASTE THIS ON YOUR HAND GLASS.

"If you think you are beaten, you are; If you think you are not, you don't; If you like to win but you don't, you can't; It's almost certain you won't; If you think you'll lose, you've lost; For out of the world we find Success begins with a fellow's will; It's all in a state of mind."

"If you think you're outclassed, you are; You've got to think high to rise; You've got to be sure of yourself before You can ever win a prize. Life's battles don't always go To the strongest or the fastest man; But soon or late the man who wins Is the one who thinks he can."

"AND THE MACKMEN."

"The 1918 American League will be composed of several ball clubs and the Mackmen," says the Old Man of Foggy Bottom.

GERARD MEISTER'S FEAT.

There is something thrilling in that victory of Gerard Meister Christmas Day at Paris, a temperature hovering around the freezing mark, this veteran of the army of France, plunged into the Seine and defeated his competitors in the annual race, covering a distance of 350 yards.

Meister won the event on Christmas Day, 1913. Before he could again compete, the Hunnish hordes had poured over the border and he had joined the colors.

At the Marne he fell with eleven wounds from shrapnel, but he did not die. An athlete of high rank, he gained his old strength and on Christmas Day, 1917, he again leaped into the Seine and won the annual race in its icy waters.

And to think that the Kaiser once considered the French a "decadent race of degenerates."

WHAT HO; MURPHY AT THE GATE?

Charlie Murphy, who once sold programs for a police benefit at Cincinnati and later became a millionaire baseball magnate when his Chicago Cubs were winning National League pennants, is mentioned as a possible candidate for John K. Tener's place at the head of the circuit. 'Tis to laugh!

Murphy went out of baseball with all the suddenness and certainty of a man falling off a dock tied to a ten-ton anchor. For years he had proved little more than a pest for all his brother magnates. They cordially hated him, though admiring his nerve and his luck and his cockiness. Proposition after proposition came closer now to being a one-man game, proposition than ever before. President Tener has succeeded in welding together the business men of his organization until they act almost like a baseball corporation, which they should form.

But, if Murphy were chosen to succeed Tener—good night to harmony in the National League or in the baseball world!

HORACE FOGEL IS ALIVE.

Some grave-digging scribe in Philadelphia, land of calm, quiet graveyards, in seeking something new on the Alexander-Killifer sale, got a man to say, "Why, if I were still head of the Phillies, I wouldn't even think of such a thing as to sell Alec and 'Kill,' the two real stars of the team." The interview came from Horace Fogel. This proves Fogel still alive.

PRATT IS IN LEAD.

Qualification rolling in the Palace alleys' duckpin tournament will end Saturday. Pratt is leading at present with 1,233 for the best ten games. Others near the top are: Wolstenholme, 1,303; Howser, 1,300; Chapin, 1,274; and Thayer, 1,270. There are many others with better than 1,200.

WHY THAT DEAL FAILED.

When Miller Huggins and Bobby Quinn, business manager of the Browns, got together at Chicago, Quinn said: "We have sparred long enough. Let's get down to business. There's just one player you have that I want." When he named the player, Huggins turned around and went from that place. No deal.

BASKETBALL COME HERE.

Basketball players from the College of the City of New York will arrive here tomorrow. They play the Navy on Saturday afternoon.

DIAMOND CHIT-CHAT.

The Stove League is beginning to warm up.

Bill Byron, the National League "musical umpire," is destined to lose his job in 1918, according to rumors around New York, with Bill Brennan succeeding him. Byron is admittedly a good official, but he is always getting into some kind of trouble.

AQUATICS ARE LEADING ALL SPORTS DURING '17

It is the proud boast of American swimmers that theirs is the sport which made the greatest progress in 1917, and one must agree, for the evidence of record performances will not be denied.

In A. U. competition twenty-seven national and world standards were shattered, sixteen by men and eleven by women, while in the collegiate and scholastic fields virtually all marks were wiped out.

In the regulation free style events the feat of manhood worthy of special mention are the 100-yard straight-away dash in 55 s. by Duke Kahane-moku, of Honolulu; the two-furlong performance in 2 m. 25 s. 100-foot pool, by Norman Ross, of San Francisco, and in 2 m. 34 s. 100-yard outdoor course, by Perry McGilvray, of Chicago, and the 440-yard swim in open water in 6 m. 17 s. by Lady Langer, of Los Angeles.

The women's include straightaway 50 and 100-yard sprints in 29 s. 4 s. and 1 m. 7 s. 4 s. by Miss Dorothy Burns, of Los Angeles, and indoor ones at the same distances in 29 s. 4 s. and 1 m. 7 s. 4 s. by Miss Olga Dorfman, of Philadelphia; 220-yard marks of 3 m. 3 s. 4 s., outdoors, by Miss Burns, and of 2 m. 50 s. 3 s. 4 s. in a 60-foot pool, by Miss Dorfman, and 800-yard sprints of 7 m. 31 s. 5 s. by both Miss Dorfman and Miss Claire Oalligan, of New York, the former made in a 60-foot bath, the latter in a 75-foot one.

All the men's performances, as well as Miss Burns' at 50 and 100 yards, and Miss Oalligan's at 800 yards, represent official world's records. The others are national standards.

Two Long Distance Marks.

In long distance swimming the greatest achievements of the year were the continuous trip of 27 1/2 miles in 16 hours 12 minutes by Joseph Gunther, of Charleston, W. Va., and the 18-mile swim in the Delaware River, Philadelphia, 220-yard marks of 3 m. 3 s. 4 s., outdoors, by Miss Burns, and of 2 m. 50 s. 3 s. 4 s. in a 60-foot pool, by Miss Dorfman, and 800-yard sprints of 7 m. 31 s. 5 s. by both Miss Dorfman and Miss Claire Oalligan, of New York, the former made in a 60-foot bath, the latter in a 75-foot one.

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Program Was General.

The progress was general in collegiate water sports. More universality than ever before in the field and both individual and average performances outclassed those of the past. The most notable feature was the setting of the first world's swimming record attained in varsity competition.

A Yale relay quartet made up of L. Ferguson, C. Schaefer, R. Mayer and R. Thomas covered 200 yards in the 76-foot home pool in 42 s. 4 s. 4 s., eclipsing all former marks for the event.

Taking into consideration the returns from the various important meets no doubt the fact that Eastern colleges outranked all others in the championship must be conceded to Yale in swimming and competition in water polo, for they won the pennants of the major Eastern leagues, and the lines of sport. Individual laurels went to Herbert Vollmer, of Columbia, who proved himself the greatest all-around varsity swimmer of the year.

Former Harvard Star IN FRANCE IS PROMOTED

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—It is Lieut. Jack Casey now, somewhere in France. Word was received in Boston this morning that Lieut. Casey, a former Harvard School and Harvard athlete, baseball player of note, and popular young Bostonian, was given a rare Christmas gift by General Pershing in command of the United States forces in Europe.

Jack had been a sergeant major up to yesterday, but the United States commander promoted him to a first lieutenant as an appreciation of faithful services rendered. The information came in a cablegram to his mother.

Jack went over with Col. Edward Logan's 121st Regiment last September. At that time he was in charge of the colonel's orderlies. Last summer, during the uprising along the Mexican border, Casey served in the mounted orderlies of the Ninth Regiment.

CLEVELAND FANS AWAIT ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEAL

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—That the Indians are not going to the wall, but that they are to obtain new players to replace those entering military service, is the confident belief of local fans. Jim Dunn, big chief of the tribe, has let it be known that he wants a strong team to take the field in 1918, and that he will not be backward about spending money to obtain the needed players.

The Indians have lost ten men in all, the most serious losses being "Moon" Harris and Ed Klapfer, the "Iron Man" of the mound, but Chapman, who has been out since the fall, and Steve O'Neill will be available behind the bat, and Graneey, Speaker and Roth will be hustling around in the garden.

HICKEY NOW OPTIMIST BEFORE SEASON OPENS

President Thomas J. Hickey, of the American Association, has completely reversed himself. Now he looks forward to the coming campaign with all confidence. A few weeks ago he could see only defeat and bankruptcy.

"The association magnates and myself," says Hickey, "look forward to a good season in 1918 in spite of the slouching and large financial standpoint the league is the best situated in the country. The clubs, as a rule, are composed of players beyond the draft age. The result will be that few will be lost. There is no reason why the 1918 season should not be a better year than the last one."

WANT SUNDAY BASEBALL.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—A movement to have a Sunday baseball game in the city of Boston, to permit playing of Sunday baseball next year by military men. The scheme needs only the endorsement of Governor McCall. Considering the large number of former major league players stationed near here at military camps, it is believed interest in the games would rival that of organized baseball.

BOYS' 'V' TO PLAY.

The Boys' 'V' M. C. A. team, composed of former high school players, will play Western High School tomorrow night at the "Y" gymnasium.

TY HAS SOFT SNAP.

Ty Cobb is "sole agent in Georgia" for the opening date, because, as he is said to be receiving \$10,000 for the use of his name, and has no duties to fill. Being champion batsman is enough for him to sell the stuff.

CADY TOOK A REST.

Forrest Cady used to catch about all the games the Red Sox played, but in 1917 he caught just fourteen. Chet Thomas, sold to Connie Mack recently, played offensively in right field, behind the bat. Cady took a rest in 1917.

Our Best Tea, 1 lb. 50c

12 oz. Cal. Sardines.....15c
Mammoth Herring.....4 for 25c
Wonder Coffee.....25c
1 lb. Star Cocoa.....25c
15 lb. White Potatoes.....35c
Sugar Corn.....12 1/2c
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